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The Honorable Anne L. Armstrong
Chairman
President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory
Board
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Anne:

Thank you for your advisory on Gary Schmitt replacing Fred Demech. Fred has served his country well in the PFIAB assignment--not only serving you and your Board members but also the Intelligence Community at large. We have found Fred's advice extremely helpful and his demands reasonable. In this sense we know that Gary will have large footsteps to follow.

Our experience with Gary Schmitt has been extremely positive. We have found him very helpful in carrying out the needs of the Senate committee and in a way that made the many requests quite tolerable. In addition to his obvious personal competence he is blessed with a great deal of integrity, a commodity we find very helpful in the Washington scene. I believe your confidence in Gary will be proven to be well founded.

With continued best wishes.

Sincerely,

John W. McMahon

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